

# Greenbelt Station Agreement Is Approved by City Council, 4-1

by Marat Moore

After a year of study and debate, the Greenbelt Station project has received the city’s preliminary stamp of approval, following the 4 to 1 vote by city councilmembers on May 9 to accept a revised development plan with Metroland Developers/Greenbelt Metropark (MD/GM). The vote came late in a meeting that stretched until nearly midnight and followed last-minute negotiations to work out details in the contract language. The development agreement sets forth conditions and responsibilities for Greenbelt Station and the city regarding future improvements at Greenbelt Station.

The proposed development is a huge and complex undertaking, with large tracts divided into the “North Core” and the “South Core” of the project. MD/GM owns the South Core and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) currently owns the “North Core” and has negotiated a confidential purchase agreement with MD/GM. Following a week of negotiations

about confidentiality, council was able to discuss the substance of that document in closed session. Following that discussion, City Solicitor Robert Manzi recommended revisions to the city’s agreement with MD/GM to protect the city’s interests since WMATA has refused to sign on.

Greenbelt’s Planning Director Celia Craze presented the revised agreement to council and noted elements of the plan that were positive for the city over the last year including:

- city approval of site plans
- city control over annexation of the South Core
- fewer environmental impacts than earlier plans, with city authority over those impacts
- a larger tract of parkland – 14 acres – in the South Core
- a significant contribution to the additional cost for city services and facilities
- a trolley/tram system that will be a north-south connector
- improvements to the intersection of Metro Access Drive and Cherrywood Lane

“We’ve done a lot to ensure the quality of this development, with mitigation of significant public service impacts which will accrue to the city as it develops,” Craze said.

The agreement spells out the financial support the city will receive to help serve the needs of the expected 5,000 additional city residents that will result from annexation of Metroland, which will include housing, retail stores and other businesses and open space for recreation. The agreement lists the following financial outlay by the developers: \$2 million for public recreation facilities; \$720,000 to fund six additional Greenbelt police officers; \$500,000 for improvements to the Greenbelt police station; and \$300,000 for an interpretative nature center as part of a stream park.

“Is it a perfect agreement? No – there is never a perfect agreement,” said Manzi. “It has some flaws because WMATA

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## 2006 Budget

# FOP President Highlights “Negative” Budget Policies

by Virginia Beauchamp

The Greenbelt City Council budget worksession with representatives of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) had to be cut short on Monday, May 2 when council went into executive session concerning new information on the pending agreement on the Metroland tract west of Cherrywood Lane. Before closing off the meeting, however, council had time to hear a presentation by FOP President Craig Rich on retirement issues, cost of living adjustments and salaries and pay scales, as well as to listen to introductory remarks on the topic of collective bargaining by former FOP President John Rogers.

Rich expressed the feeling of longer-term members of the Greenbelt Police Department that they were being disadvantaged by the current formula for paying a cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on the midpoint salary figure for the department. Before 2001 a straight percentage COLA

had been used for all police personnel.

But following a study on city compensation carried out by a consultant the midpoint system was adopted whereby newer recruits, whose salaries fell below the midpoint, received a somewhat higher percentage COLA and the higher salaries of longer-time employees received an increase based on a lower percentage figure. Rich argued that this system especially affected employees during their three final years of service.

Rich also noted that the city’s “buy-back” program had been reduced by 50 percent, thereby lessening an officer’s pay even further. In the buy-back program officers could sell back to the city up to 40 hours of unused annual leave in any given year. As of last year’s budget, the buy-back amount had been reduced to 20 hours.

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## 2006 Budget

# Recreation Review Notes Varied Activities Offered

by James Giese

The Recreation Department budget presentation to the Greenbelt City Council on May 4 began with a slide show with background music of departmental activities over the past year. It highlighted the many varied multicultural and multigenerational activities which the department offers to Greenbelt residents. Other than a slew of recreators, city administrative staff and council, only one citizen was present, Clement Lau, a member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, who remained silent during the meeting.

Director Harry G. (Hank) Irving began his overview by announcing that Brian Butler, recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake, had received an Innovative Program Award for a boys mentoring program, Boys United in Learning, Developing and Ig-

niting the Next Generation (B.U.I.L.D.I.N.G.) at the recently held Maryland Recreation and Parks Association conference.

The \$4,391,400 budget for recreation and parks for fiscal year 2006 is an increase of 6.8 percent over that for the current fiscal year. Of this, \$3,468,700 is for recreation programs and facilities and \$922,700 is for parks, where most costs of operation are incurred by the Public Works Department, which is responsible for park maintenance as well as many other activities. Irving attributed the budget increase to higher energy costs, employee benefit costs and salary increases. No additional personnel are proposed.

Council then reviewed the budget page by page. Council

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## 2006 Budget

# Proposed Public Works, Parks Budget Requests at \$3,431,500

by Thomas X. White

In its fourth budget worksession for the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, held on April 20, the Greenbelt City Council dealt with the Public Works Department. The department’s budget is projected at \$2,508,400, an increase of about \$128,000 from last year’s adopted budget.

With the additional proposed parks budget of \$923,100, the total effort by the Public Works Department will total \$3,431,500. This is about the same as the Recreation Department budget (minus parks) and less than half of the Public Safety budget.

Although the city’s parks and athletic fields are under control of use by the Recreation Department, the parks budget provides for supplies, materials and public works manpower used in maintaining the parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and tennis courts. In addition to the city-owned athletic fields at Braden Field, McDonald Field, Schrom Hills Park and the Wolfe Field(s) at Northway, the city also maintains an athletic field at the board of education site in Windsor Green and helps to maintain fields at Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Other Public Works expenditures relate to departmental administration (including maintaining the PW facility adjacent to

Attick Park), street and sidewalk maintenance, waste collection, traffic control, equipment maintenance, the Greenbelt Connection bus service, the city cemetery, special events (e.g., Labor Day Festival and Fourth of July fireworks) and maintenance and cleaning of all city buildings.

In a departure from previous budget presentations that focused on the department’s accomplishments, budget issues and challenges in the coming year, Public Works Director Kenny Hall, Superintendent of Operations Carolyn Clemens, Assistant Public Works Director Bill Phelan and Recycling Coordinator Cindy Murray provided this year’s presentation by highlighting the people involved in all of the Public Works projects recently completed or ongoing around the city.

Hall directed council’s attention to the list of department accomplishments for FY05 and the issues for FY06 contained in the manager’s proposed budget document, but wanted to use his department’s presentation to introduce to council all the supervisors, crew-leaders, maintenance workers, refuse collectors, technicians and operators who day-in and day-out carry out the essential work of the department and accomplish many projects around the city that improve its environ-

ment and the quality of life for Greenbelt citizens.

Using a presentation that captured many of the current projects underway, the slides pictured not only the projects but the crews, with Hall, Phelan and Clemens introducing the workers as they were shown in the slides. Council’s response to the presentation was salutary, thanking Hall for connecting faces and names for all of the workers.

In its review of the budget accounts, council addressed in passing a few specific items. In discussing the city’s recycling and refuse collection program, it was noted that the city’s recycling rate for the year has reached 48 percent. Unless something dramatic happens in this area, further increases in this rate will be difficult.

Council members felt that the city’s rate, compared with that of the county and other municipalities, was commendable. There is some concern about the impact of the city’s new yard waste policy, which states that yard waste in plastic bags will no longer be picked up for the city’s mulch program.

As of March 1, residents are required to place yard waste either in paper yard waste bags or in special bins for yard debris.

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## What Goes On

**Saturday, May 14**

**9 a.m. to noon,** Donation Drop-Off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

**Monday, May 16**

**7:30 p.m.,** Budget Worksession with Green Ridge House, at Green Ridge House

**Wednesday, May 18**

**8 p.m.,** Final Budget Review, Community Center

**Thursday, May 19**

**7:30 p.m.,** GHI Annual Meeting, Community Center

**Friday, May 20**

**7 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.,** Recessed Meeting of GHI, Voting at GHI Offices on Hamilton Place



# Letters to the Editor

## Open Letter to ERHS Parents on Tests

One of the requirements for earning a high school diploma in the State of Maryland is that students are required to complete five high school assessments that are administered near the end of specific course work. The courses involved are English 10; local, state and national government, biology, algebra and geometry. The dates for testing are specified by the Maryland State Department of Education. The primary testing week for 2004-2005 is May 23 through May 27. The schedule for testing is as follows:

May 23	English 10
May 24	Government
May 25	Geometry
May 26	Biology
May 27	Algebra

Make up testing is scheduled for June 1 through June 13.

Students work independently. The tests include numerous multiple choice questions and a variety of essay questions. Results are posted on students' high school transcripts. You may view sample questions on the Maryland State Department of Education's website at <http://www.mdk12.org>. Public release items for each assessment are listed.

It is extremely important that your student is in school every day on time. We need your support to make sure your student does his or her best job.

- Please make sure:
1. Your child arrives at school on time. Testing takes place in the morning.
  2. Your student eats a substantial breakfast on testing mornings to give him or her the necessary energy and alertness for participation in testing.
  3. Your student gets a good night's sleep the night before each testing day.
  4. Your student is in school on testing day. Students absent on a testing day will participate in make up testing.
  5. You send your student to school with a snack. Testing takes approximately 5-1/2 hours so students will be eating a late lunch.

Thank you for your assistance and support. Should you have any questions, please call the school and ask to speak with Mrs. McDonald, the testing coordinator. Her number is 301-513-5400 extension 320.

Sylvester Conyers  
Principal

## Open Letter To Mayor Davis

May 8, 2005, a fire began and spread in a section of Parcel V of GHI that has been named "the test plot" for herbicide experiments for almost three years. No residents adjacent to this plot approved of this plan to test mixtures of various pesticides directly bordering their homes (that drifted into our yards). This section of the parcel was cleared of most living vegetation (both native and invasive) and most likely was hailed a success: lots of dead, dry plants over acres and acres of the parcel.

The large patch of bamboo that ignited Sunday afternoon had been cut to about 6 inches as repeated tests were conducted to determine what cocktails of pesticides were deemed "appropriate." The dead stalks were surrounded by layers of dry leaves along with the stalks that were left piled against them.

Why was the bamboo cut and left to dry and die? It was done to rid the forest of the dreaded invasive species. This steeply-sloped area was never replanted and the dead, dry vegetation was left to rot. No care was taken to remove the dead plant material and non-native plants were even brought in to replace what had thrived for decades. The wildlife was wiped out, the stream banks were left to erode and now, after years of trying to persuade officials to conduct an investigation, residents are still left to solve this on their own.

Kudos to the Greenbelt Fire Department which got the flames under control and saved our yards and homes. We want a full investigation of invasive species management that has been allowed to devastate our forests and wildlife. Will our homes be next? Or yours? Who is responsible for approving this plan? The city? The county? The state? The EPA? The pesticide applicators? Who is going to fix this?

We want answers that will put an end to this crazy, half-baked scheme that isn't working. There are better ways to create a healthy eco-system without waging war on us all.

Jean Newcomb on  
behalf of residents of  
13 Court Hillside Road

## THANKS

A hearty "Thank You!" to the Greenbelt Baptist Church and to the Greenbelt Theater. Your open-to-the-public events helped us to observe important occasions.

For the National Day of Prayer (Thursday, May 5), the Baptist Church-hosted gathering at the Municipal Building at noon near the flag poles gave us the opportunity to raise our petitions to God.

And the "Concert of Prayer" gathering at the church that evening gave us the opportunity to raise our voices in song. The husband and wife duet was particularly moving. Classic America.

For the 60th anniversary of VE Day (the end of World War II in Europe), May 1945, the German-language movie "Downfall" was most appropriate. The horror and fear as the enemy closed in. The devastation. Although I have read a multitude of books on World War II, as well as seen many movies, this particular show was the most vivid example of what it must have been like. And the German language of that film added to the realism of that man-made disaster of April and early May 1945.

We can be grateful that, despite the shortcomings of international relations, no one has had to go through a major war for 60 years.

Christopher K. Scherer

## THANKS

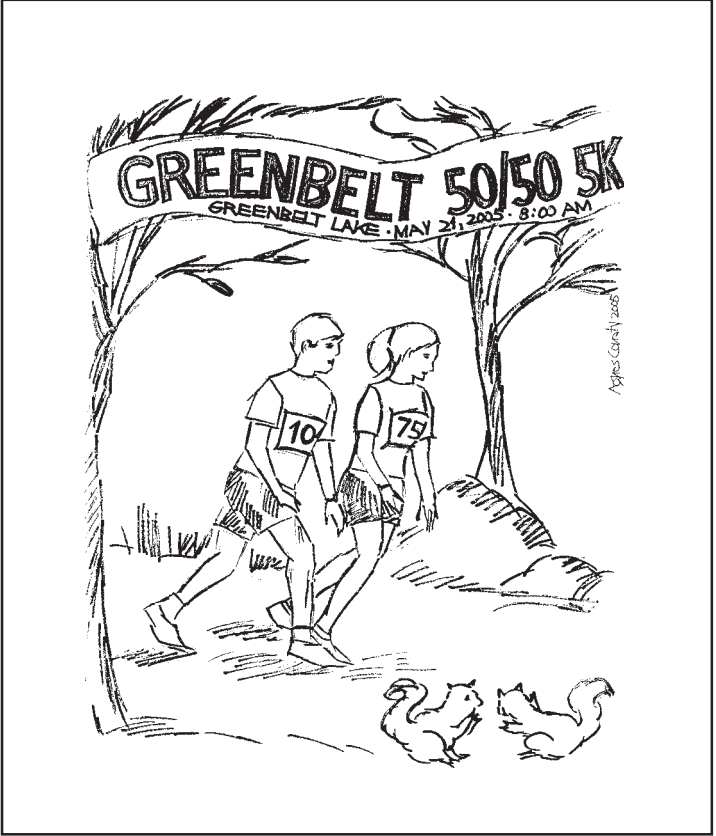
Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) would like to express appreciation to everyone who helped with the refreshment sale during the Greenbelt Pet Expo on May 7. We successfully performed our many tasks thanks to the dedicated on-site assistance of Brett and Silas Fishburne, Chris Logan, Eileen Peterson, Barbara and Ray Stevens, Deb Taylor and Mike Travis.

Our thanks and appreciation also go to those who gave their support and contributions to the project: Susie Hall, Greenbelt Animal Control; Mary Mitchell Donahue, Greenbelt Arts Center; Richard McMullin and Ellen Siegel, New Deal Café.

The money raised from the refreshment sale will be used to support music and art shows at the New Deal Café and in Roosevelt Center.

Barbara Logan, Chair  
FONDCA Pet Expo  
Refreshment Sale  
Barbara Simon  
FONDCA President

## Grin Belt



"Part of the proceeds go to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival."

## On Screen Catching "The Interpreter"

A hard-driving political thriller, "The Interpreter," opens Friday, May 13 at Old Greenbelt Theatre for at least one week. It pivots on the roles played by two stars: Nicole Kidman, as a troubled interpreter at the UN from the fictional African country of Matobo, and Sean Penn as an out-of-sorts Secret Service agent (with a suspiciously thick head of hair). Did Kidman overhear a real plan to assassinate Matobo's dictator? How adroitly can Penn & Co. shake down the question? Will Kidman and Penn hook up personally? Director Sidney Pollock won an Oscar for "Out of Africa" some two decades ago; here he cooks up a more traditional stew with a practiced hand and more white-on-black shading. PG-13, 135 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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Saturday  
\*2:00, \*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday  
\*2:00, \*4:45, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
\*5:00, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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General Members Meeting to review the 2005 Maryland  
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Delegate Anne Healey, Delegate Justin Ross

Friday, May 20, 2005, 7:30 p.m.  
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Refreshments and Social following the meeting

Everyone is welcome. Join us!  
For information, call 301-474-2896.



# Community Events

## GreenSpring I To Meet Sat.

The GreenSpring I Home-owners Association annual meet- ing will be held Saturday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park meeting room. In addition to board elections, community interests will be dis- cussed. All GreenSpring I homeowners are urged to attend.

## Explorations – Women in War Films

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Green- belter Dr. Lawrence Suid on Fri- day, May 20 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Suid will give a sampling and overview of a course he will teach this summer, “Women in War Films,” in the Prince George’s Community Col- lege SAGE program.

Suid is both a film and a mili- tary historian. His first book, “Guts & Glory,” (Addison-Wesley, 1978) became the definitive study of the relationship between the film industry and the armed ser- vices. He is currently researching and writing the biography of Fred Zinnemann, director of “High Noon,” “From Here to Eternity” and “Man for All Seasons.”

Suid received his B.A. from Western Reserve University, a master’s degree in Russian history from Duke University, a master of fine arts degree in film from Brandeis University and a PhD in American studies from Case Western Reserve University.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Commu- nity Center in the Senior Class- room. Everyone is welcome. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

## Triathlon Eligibility Now Is 12 and Under

The Greenbelt “kinGTUT” is now the 12 and under Triathlon sponsored by St. Hugh’s CYO. The events will begin at 10 a.m . on Saturday, May 21 at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

There is a pre-“kinGTUT” bike clinic on May 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. behind St. Hugh’s rectory. The clinic will be run by Greenbelt Po- lice Officer Robert Lauer.

One-sport specialists who just run, swim or bike are welcome to participate in the Triathlon relay that begins at 11 a.m.

Triathletes are going to be “re- cycled” as they participate in both the triathlon and the later relay.

Visit [http://www.active.com/ event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1214961](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1214961) or call Larry Hilliard at 301-474- 7504 for details.

## At the Library Children

Tuesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children

### Adult

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Poetry Plus. The sub- ject is nature.

Wednesday, May 18, 2 p.m., Book discussion, Bill Bryson’s “A Walk in the Woods” and se- lection of titles for 2005 - 2006 discussions.

## 5K Fun Run & Walk To Help City Groups

The Prince George’s Running Club’s Greenbelt 50/50 5k Fun Run & Walk will be held Satur- day, May 21, at 8 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Proceeds from the race will be split 50/50 between the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and the St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus. The 5 kilometer course (3.1 miles), which includes two loops around Greenbelt Lake, is certified by USA Track & Field, the regulating body for running sports. Race registration begins at 7 a.m. and is limited to the first 150 entries re- ceived. Certificates will be given to the top three finishers in each 10-year age group. The lower pre-registration fee should not be mailed after May 14; a higher fee may be paid on race day. All reg- istrants receive short-sleeved T- shirts and post-race refreshments. All runners will also be eligible to receive random merchandise prizes.

For an entry form, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Austin Conaty, 8150 Lakecrest Drive #710, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Call 301-982-9246 or visit the club’s website, [www.pgrc.org](http://www.pgrc.org), for more information and a pdf downloadable registration form. Also at [www.pgrc.org](http://www.pgrc.org) is a link for online registration through active.com.

Now in its 20th year, the Prince George’s Running Club, an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America, sponsors races, train- ing and fun runs and walks in Prince George’s County.

Just after this race is the first- ever Greenbelt 12 and Under Triathlon at 10 a.m. For details about qualifying and registration information for the triathlon con- tact Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504, or visit the online registration web page at [http:// w w w . a c t i v e . c o m / event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1214961](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1214961) for more details.

## SAT Summer Class

A Summer SAT Prep course is being offered June 10 through June 17 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). Roosevelt teacher James Miller will teach the verbal and writing portions of the course and Eileen Lloyd will be teaching the math portion. There is only room for 50 students; jun- iors will be given priority. Appli- cations are available at ERHS, Room 130.

There is a nominal cost to cover books, materials and soft- ware. Students on free and re- duced lunch will receive the mate- rials at no cost.

The course will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Students will receive classroom instruction and work in the computer lab each day. A pretest will be ad- ministered on Day 1 so that stu- dent strengths and weaknesses can be identified. The intense week of instruction will be followed by independent study by students over the summer. Assignments and software will be distributed to students throughout the course; the expectation is that students will take a post-test in August to track their improvement.

For more information contact James Miller at ERHS at 301- 513-5400 ext. 2226 or by e-mail [James.Miller@PGCPS.org](mailto:James.Miller@PGCPS.org).

## ERHS Seeks Volunteers

The state mandated High School Assessments will be ad- ministered at Eleanor Roosevelt High School the week of May 23 to May 27. Parent and commu- nity volunteers make this opera- tion run smoothly. The school will test approximately 750 stu- dents a day while the rest of the school operates on a normal schedule. Volunteers help with distributing materials, picking up attendance forms, packing the completed tests for shipment and serving as an extra pair of hands.

People are needed beginning at 8 a.m. and ending around 1:30 p.m. Assistance during the entire testing period or just a part of the time will be appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, contact Susan McDonald, testing coordinator, at ERHS at 301-513- 5400 ext. 320.

## Mamas & Papas Playgroup Wed.

The Greenbelt Mamas and Pa- pas playgroup will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18 at the playground across from the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. Rain/cold weather location is the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Meet other local parents for fellowship and support while babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers play. Contact Anne Gardner at [annegard@smart.net](mailto:annegard@smart.net) or 301-220-1721.

## Free Car Show Offered

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display at the Annual Spring Cadillac LaSalle Show be- ing held at Capitol Cadillac Com- pany, 6500 Capitol Drive, Greenbelt on Sunday, May 15. The show begins at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. Admission is free. For more information call Henry Ruby, show coordinator at 301-894-8026.

## Science Fair At Roosevelt

Student judging for “Kids for Science,” the 15th annual Elemen- tary Science Fair at Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. Later, from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. there will be an open house. The awards assembly will be at 3:30 p.m. Students from grades four through six will participate and the mistress of ceremonies will be Janet Thomas, head of the Environ- mental Project Engineering Section at NASA Goddard.



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## Green Man Festival Continues May 14 - 15

The Green Man Festival, a celebration of Greenbelt’s commitment to preserve its acres of for- ests and to choose wisely to honor this green earth by acting locally, will con- tinue this weekend. Festival ac- tivities will reconnect people to the folklore of ancient civiliza- tions through science, art, music and myth. The festival will fea- ture many artists, musicians and performers from Greenbelt and the surrounding area.



On Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, the festival will feature a labyrinth at Roosevelt Center. There will be nature-inspired ac- tivities, handmade treasures and food for thought. Musicians and dancers will perform throughout the afternoon and food, crafts and exhibits on eco-friendly gardening techniques and products will be offered.

This festival will bring Green Man into the present where he returns as a symbol to remind us to be concerned about the natural habitat and challenges people to change an eroding relationship with the environment.

## C. O’Boyle to Return To Greenbelt, Again

Christina O’Boyle will return again to Greenbelt to talk about and read from her book “looking for lightheartedness.”

O’Boyle lived in GHI for 17 years, the last 10 of which she wrote her column “The View from Ridge Road” about every- day life here.

Her booksigning event will be held in the board room of the GHI offices on Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. on Hamilton Place.

## Spring Fair, Sale Held At School

The Annual Spring Fair and Book Sale at Greenbelt Elemen- tary School, 66 Ridge Road, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. Food and games will be available as well as a variety of books for all ages.

SPRING IS  
ALIVE IN  
GREENBELT!

More **Community Events**  
can be found on page 4.

## Goddard Celebrates Return to Flight

On Saturday, May 14 Goddard will host a “Return to Flight Fes- tival” from noon to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center. This is the first in a series of free public presenta- tions about Goddard’s contribu- tions to NASA’s Return to Flight activities. This festival will also feature the exhibit, Space Station Imagination, NASA’s International Space Station Trailer. There will also be presentations related to communications, instrumentation and life on the International Space Station, with other attrac- tions for students, teachers and the community.

This is an opportunity to learn how astronauts live and work in space. For information on Space Station Imagination visit [http:// www.jsc.nasa.gov/programs/exhib- its/trailers/index.html](http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/programs/exhibits/trailers/index.html) or contact Adam Mahone at ext. 6-0746 or email [Adam.N.Mahone@nasa.gov](mailto:Adam.N.Mahone@nasa.gov).

## Star Party on Sat.

Weather permitting, the Green- belt Astronomy Club (GAC) will host a star party this Saturday, May 14. This event will take place at the Wolfe Fields on Northway, Extended. It begins at 8:30 p.m. The club and its mem- bers will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects. Future GAC events can be found at: [http://www.greenbeltastro.org/ events.shtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml). In the event of pre- cipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, a star party will be cancelled with- out further notice.

## Help Paint, Clean Up Park Campground



Help clean up the Greenbelt Park campground and paint pic- nic tables. Meet at the Ranger station on Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. (Raindate is Saturday, May 21.)

The park entrance is on Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Balti- more-Washington Parkway. For more information call 301-344- 3944 or visit the website at [http:// www.nps.gov/gree/](http://www.nps.gov/gree/).

Global warming’s creeping up.  
**We Are All Smith Islanders**  
Sun., May 15, 4 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
Progressive Film Series  
Peace & Justice Coalition and  
Green Party – Mt. Rainier/HY  
Discuss with Chesapeake  
Climate Action Network  
Info 301-577-2350

*The Prince George's Choral Society*  
**Spring Pops Concert Silent Auction and Decadent Desserts**  
Sunday, May 15, 2005 – 3:00 PM  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
6905 Greenbelt Road – Greenbelt, MD  
General Admission – \$15 Seniors and Students – \$10  
For more information please phone 301-538-1532

Calling all kids and the young at heart.  
The Annual Spring Fair and Book Sale  
at Greenbelt Elementary School,  
66 Ridge Road  
is on Saturday, May 14,  
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
301-474-8187





## Obituaries

### Ann Margaret Ladnier

Ann Margaret Ladnier, age 83, of Research Road, died on May 7, 2005. She was a resident of Greenbelt since about 1960. She was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Her husband Charles preceded her in death.

She is survived by children Charles and his wife Patti Ladnier; Mary Lou and her husband Mark Nishan; Peter Edward Ladnier; and Diane and her husband Ray King; a sister Mary McElwee; brother Edward Shields; grandchildren, Brian, Lisa, Anthony, Brandon, Lindsay, Melanie, Raymond, Jerriann and Amanda; and great-grandchildren Clark, Brian, Kayla and Taylor.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday morning at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover, MD 20785.

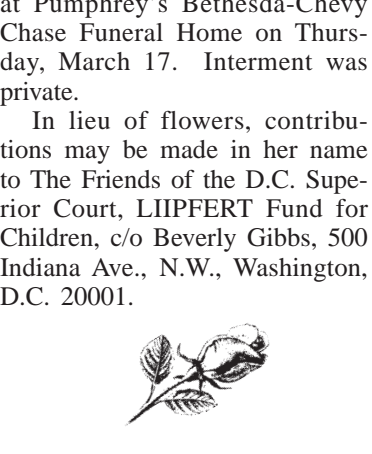
### Beverly G. Stone

Former Greenbelter Beverly G. Stone, age 74, of Rockville died Monday, March 14, 2005. Mrs. Stone lived on Maplewood Court before moving to Rockville. A lawyer, she was one of the first women to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

She is survived by daughters Fern and Susan Stone, son-in-law Val Dauksts, granddaughter Samantha Risch and sister Sandra Wasser.

A memorial service was held at Pumphrey's Bethesda-Chevy Chase Funeral Home on Thursday, March 17. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to The Friends of the D.C. Superior Court, LIIPFERT Fund for Children, c/o Beverly Gibbs, 500 Indiana Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.



### Botanic Garden Holds Bartholdi Park Tours

Explore Bartholdi Park with knowledgeable U. S. Botanic Garden staff and volunteers. Every other Tuesday at noon stroll through Bartholdi Park, learn how spring unfolds in this home landscape demonstration garden and gather gardening tips for one's own garden. Tours will be led by Robert Pritchard, gardener supervisor or Hawsie Nash, garden volunteer. Space is limited so register early. Tours are cancelled if it rains. The free tours will be Tuesdays, May 17 and May 31 from noon to 1 p.m. Pre-register by calling 202-226-4082.

### Baha'i Faith

"When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love."  
— Baha'i Sacred Writings

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

### Last Berwyn Spring Concert on May 22

Berwyn Presbyterian Church will be the location for the final spring concert in this year's Berwyn Concert Series. Swiatoslaw Kuznik, violinist and Frederick Minger, pianist, will present a recital on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. The program will include works by Debussy, Bach and Mendelssohn.

Concerts feature emerging and established artists performing a variety of repertoire and ensembles. All concerts are free admission, though a free-will offering is taken at intermission to support the series and provide artists' fees.


Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road, just west of the intersection of Rt. 193 Greenbelt Road and Rt. 201 Kenilworth Avenue in College Park. For information contact Dr. Gabriel Ruiz Bernal, Berwyn Presbyterian music director by phone at 301-633-9861 or email gruibernal@mindspring.com.

### Donation Drop-off On Saturday

The city's Donation Drop-off co-sponsored by the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, May 14 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donation will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible.

Donation Drop-off is held the second Saturday of each month.



### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410 [www.gbgm-umc.org/mowatt](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/mowatt)

**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**


Sunday School 9:45 am    Worship Service 11:00 am

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt\\_baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt_baptist@verizon.net)  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am  
Weds. Worship: 7:00pm (Adult Bible Study/ Prayer & Children's Ministry)

*Helping People Connect with His Family through Loving Service*




### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH


6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:00 a.m.    Worship Service  
9:15 a.m.    Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30 a.m.    Worship Service

Sermon Series: "The Purpose Driven Life"



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)



### St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

### Seniors Slugfest With Crownsville

Greenbelt's senior softball team took a 4-3 lead in battling Crownsville on Monday, May 9 at home before losing 18-11. Dave Kerr led the Greenbelt attack with three hits, backed by several teammates with two hits apiece. Starting pitcher John Streckel was relieved by Sterling Tropp.

The next four games in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League are on the road, two of them against rivals in Bowie.

### Craft Fair to Be Held At Methodist Church

The annual craft fair at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, will be held Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many community crafters will be represented.

There will be jewelry, silk flower arrangements, body lotions, fabric bags, lamps and other goodies for home decoration or holiday gifts.

### Choral Society Holds Spring Pops Concert

The Spring Pops Concert of the Prince George's Choral Society, under the direction of Ron Freeman, will take place at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 15. What are described as "decadent desserts" will be a further attraction for those attending the performance.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road opposite the entrance to Lakecrest Drive. For ticket information contact Frank at 301-538-1532.

### Walk Around Md. Program Starts

Walkers are rediscovering Maryland with a program to walk in all Maryland counties and Baltimore City in the next two years. Start the journey with Charles County in Indian Head, Maryland on May 21. The 10K and 5K walks will start in Chapman State Park. People may begin walking anytime between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and finish the walk by 4 p.m. There is a fee per adult walker. Children walk for free.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere of fun, food and fellowship. For a brochure call 410-437-2164 or 301-317-0639 or email [wahasse@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wahasse@ix.netcom.com).


### Golf Tournament Supports Schools

The Excellence in Education Foundation for Prince George's County Public Schools, Inc., is sponsoring its third annual golf tournament on May 23 at 10 a.m. at Woodmore Golf Course, 12320 Pleasant Prospect in Mitchellville. The tournament is held to raise funds for the school system's athletic programs and provide an opportunity for business and community leaders to network with educators and administrators. For more information call Bonnie Bundy, 301-925-2880.



### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
May 15, 10 a.m.  
"Three Faces of Compassion" by Jacob B. ten Hove, co-minister with Leo Jones, worship associate  
Religious Exploration Classes 10 a.m.  
Barbara Wells ten Hove, Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd**




### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
**Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.**  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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### Learn About Islam

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God commands us in the holy scripture: "Serve God and join not partners with Him; and do good – to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companions by your side, the wayfarer (you meet), and what your right hands possess, for God loves not the arrogant, the vainglorious." —The Holy Quran 4:36

To learn more about the morality taught by Islam, contact us by email at [searchislam@mail.com](mailto:searchislam@mail.com) or by phone at 301-982-9463 or visit [www.learnaboutislam.com](http://www.learnaboutislam.com).

### Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to the family of Ann Margaret Ladnier, a long-time Greenbelter, who died on May 7, 2005.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Beverly Stone.

Congratulations to Brian Butler, recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake, who received an Innovative Program Award for a boys' mentoring program, "Boys United in Learning, Developing and Igniting the Next Generation."

We were glad to hear that Bryan Brown-Kelleher is doing well in his recovery from cancer treatment. Though he has a long road in front of him, he has shown that he is a survivor.

### Pregnancy Loss Group Forming

A free support group for those experiencing pregnancy loss, miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death will meet on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park). For more information call the hospital at 301-891-5265.



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building





# City Information

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a **PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, May 23, 2005, 8:00 p.m.** CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005-2006

#### REVENUES

Taxes .....	\$16,090,400.00
Licenses & Permits .....	841,600.00
Revenue from Other Agencies .....	828,900.00
Service Charges for Current Services .....	1,806,400.00
Fines & Forfeitures .....	680,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues .....	176,800.00
TOTAL REVENUES .....	\$20,424,100.00

Appropriation of Fund Balance ..... 0

#### EXPENDITURES

General Government .....	\$1,798,700.00
Planning and Community Development .....	837,300.00
Public Safety .....	8,205,900.00
Public Works .....	2,508,400.00
Social Services .....	523,000.00
Recreation and Parks .....	4,391,800.00
Miscellaneous .....	131,100.00
Non-Departmental .....	466,400.00
Fund Transfers .....	1,331,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ..... \$20,194,100.00

#### PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund .....	\$70,100.00
Cemetery Fund .....	1,800.00
Debt Service Fund .....	928,300.00
Replacement Fund .....	179,000.00
Special Projects Fund .....	86,800.00
Temporary Disability Fund .....	50,000.00
Unemployment Compensation Fund .....	6,000.00

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS ..... \$1,322,000.00

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund .....	\$1,325,000.00
2001 Bond Fund .....	1,200,000.00
Community Development Block Grant Fund .....	100,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS ..... \$2,625,000.00

#### ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House ..... \$1,118,700.00  
The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the second of two Public Hearings on the budget. The first was held on Monday, April 25, 2005. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at [kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov). Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us). For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

**THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CABLECAST LIVE ON CHANNEL 71.**

## OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.  
Vacancies exist on the:  
**Arts Advisory Board**  
**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**  
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

## Meetings for May 16-May 20

- Monday, May 16, 7:30pm, Budget Work Session with Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House.
- Wednesday, May 18, 8:00pm, Final Budget Review, at Community Center.



## PUBLIC WORKS PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 14, 2005  
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon  
Public Works Yard

Surplus annuals and perennials commonly used in the City will be for sale, along with some tomato and pepper plants.

## CAMP PINE TREE

Summer vacation is right around the corner... do you know where your child is going to be? It's not too late to register for summer camp! The City of Greenbelt has a limited number of spaces available in their Camp Pine Tree summer day camp. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give your kids memories that they'll cherish for years to come! Camp Pine Tree offers an exciting mix of sports, games, field trips, special events and swim time (including lessons!) Call 301-397-2200 to register today or visit [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) and check out the Recreation Brochure for more info. Don't wait, spaces are filling fast!



## GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER



Summer Pool  
Passes  
NOW ON SALE!

Don't wait until the first hot, sunny day to visit us.  
Avoid the rush!  
Please call 301-397-2204 for further information.

## CITY JOB OPENING

**Office Associate II:** Part-time, M-F, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. for the Greenbelt Public Works Department. H.S. Diploma/ GED, ability to handle clerical/ receptionist duties, take accurate/clear messages, learn street routes throughout Greenbelt, enjoy working with the public, good organizational skills, proficiency with Windows Word, Excel required. \$11.26/hr + pro-rated benefits.

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel Office, 25 Crescent Road; download application at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) or call job line 301-474-1872 for required application.

## NOTICE

The Greenbelt Community Center handicap ramp closure (east entrance) has been extended until approximately May 13, 2005.

The rear entrance, next to playground, is handicap accessible. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPALACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30pm:** GHI Candidates Night (live), **Wednesday, May 18 at 5pm:** Replay of GHI Candidates Night, **Thursday, May 19: 9am:** Replay of GHI Candidates Night, **10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Applying for Food Stamp & Health Benefits," **11am:** "GHI Candidates Night," **1pm** "GHI Candidates Night," **6pm:** "Ask the Expert," **6:30pm** "ACE Literary Showcase 2005."

**PUBLICACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 18 & 20: 7pm** "Pittsburgh Comicon 2005," **7:30pm** "Lions Club Meeting 3/18/05."

## USED VEHICLE SALE BID 2005 – 2

The City of Greenbelt will be accepting sealed bids for sale of the following items.

Interested bidders may view vehicles/equipment the week of May 16, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Greenbelt Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. If you have any questions contact 240-542-2165.

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the above address no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2005. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles from the Public Works Yard.

The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

### Used Police Vehicles

93 Chevy Caprice, 108K (#14); 93 Chevy Caprice, 110K (#32); 94 Chevy Caprice, 116K (#808); 95 Chevy Caprice, 108K (#811); 95 Chevy Caprice, 111K (#813); 96 Ford Crown Victoria, 119K (#818)  
96 Ford Crown Victoria, 131K (#908)

### Other Vehicles/Equipment

88 Dodge Pickup, 130K (#400); 94 Pontiac Grand Prix, 103K (#704); 60 Allis Chalmers Bulldozer (#122); 89 Jacobson Tractor, 1,936H (#440)

## TEMPORARY SKATE PARK HOURS

The Spring hours of operation for the temporary skate park located on one of the Lakecrest tennis courts are:

Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The hours are subject to change depending on weather conditions and the availability of staff.



## FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

The Prince George's County Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in the Commercial Kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least a day in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Meals are \$2.25. Please call 301-397-2208 x2236 to make reservations.



PROPOSALS continued from page 1

Education efforts for this new program are ongoing. Upon request, Public Works will provide residents with special stickers to identify yard waste bins, which can substitute for the paper bags if residents wish.

The proposed budget includes an increase in the refuse/recycling fee to \$47 per quarter (\$188/year) and the recycling only collection to \$25 per year.

During discussion of the proposed budget for maintenance of multi-purpose equipment, Hall noted that the department will surplus the city's 45-year-old bulldozer this year and place it in auction on the internet. Also of note in this account, increasing costs for fuel has had an impact in the current year's budget and will impact the FY06 budget. In FY03, the city's cost for gasoline was \$1.21/gallon. In FY05, it is \$1.60/gallon and heading up.

Parks Budget

There was considerable discussion of the parks budget, which includes funding for a new maintenance worker to handle additional work resulting from the city's new playground agreement with GHI and some of the homeowners' associations in the city. The city will be working with the homeowners' associations to develop a plan for rehabilitation of playgrounds covered by the new agreement.

Based on priorities identified in those discussions with the affected neighborhoods, it is estimated that three or four playgrounds could be rehabilitated this year. Council will likely further discuss this item before consideration of the final budget.

Another item discussed briefly at the work session and slated for further exploration by council involves an analysis of the relative value to the city of the additional costs for biodiesel fuel. Public Works has conducted air emission tests of city vehicles using both

regular diesel fuel and biodiesel fuel. The tests indicate that all trucks tested when burning biodiesel had higher emission levels of hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide. Two of the three trucks tested had higher levels of carbon dioxide and all of the trucks had lower levels of oxides of nitrogen.

With the average increased cost per year to purchase biodiesel in place of regular diesel fuel at \$8,900, Public Works staff have questioned the purported benefits of the program. Since the city's objective for the biodiesel program has been environmental improvement, the staff recommended that, based upon the analysis, the city discontinue use of biodiesel.

Also up for further discussion is how the proposed budget handles expenditures for contracting services for landscaping, tree removal and other maintenance activities. Some council members thought there may be opportunities for savings; others were not so sure. The staff position is that use of contractors for selected projects allows greater flexibility for the daily city crews and generally accomplishes the service at reduced cost.

Following council's review, Carl Skaggs, a parks supervisor speaking on behalf of some of his fellow employees, expressed concern regarding the proposed increase in the manager's budget for the employee contribution percentage for health benefits. The manager's proposed budget would change the employee share of the cost of health plan premiums from 15 to 20 percent, saving the city (and the budget) \$60,000.

Skaggs wanted council to know that such an increase would impact public works employees more severely than other employees because on average they are the lowest paid in the city.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed his concern with the health benefits proposal, indicating that funding for additional staff should be eliminated to allow the health benefit formula to remain unchanged. That would likely place the health benefits question on the list of items to be discussed further in their consideration of a very difficult budget challenge.

Md. Tourism Guide Now Available

The 2005 edition of Destination Maryland: the Official Guide to Maryland State Travel is chock full of the information needed to plan the perfect getaway. This full-color magazine contains 14 features and itineraries; listings for 2,000 tourism attractions, state and national parks, lodging and tour and travel services; plus a "Maryland Welcome! Passport" good for up to \$2,500 in savings at 250 participating attractions, restaurants, retailers and accommodations.

Destination Maryland includes a regional look at the state's tourism sites with detailed listings for attractions, accommodations and services available to the traveler. Additionally, the guide includes an expanded outdoor section where readers can learn about the water-based activities on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay and its many tributaries as well as activities within Maryland's abundant public lands.

The magazine, which is supported primarily through advertising by the state's counties and private-sector tourism industry, is distributed to consumers within Maryland's primary travel market, determined as being within 400 miles of the state's borders.

For more information call 1-800-719-5900 or visit the website [www.visitmaryland.org](http://www.visitmaryland.org).

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CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2005, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 8.1%, from \$1,211,118,495 to \$1,309,423,079.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.716 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 8.1%, resulting in \$703,861 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.662, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.776 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 17.2% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$1,492,742 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005, in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-8000 for further information.

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Stk. #8222  
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Or Call For Lease

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# GHI Annual Meeting & Elections

## Biographies of Candidates

The following members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) have consented to run for election to the Board of Directors and the Nominations Committee. The elections will be held at the recess of the GHI Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 19 and continuing on Friday, May 20. Biographies are written by the candidates.

### Board of Directors

(Vote for five)

#### Patricia Novinski

8-E Laurel Hill Road

The candidate became a GHI resident in 2001, following relocation from New York State upon retirement from Social Work. Patricia reports enjoying her one bedroom unit, her neighbors and the spirit of living cooperatively. Shared raking, snow shoveling, walking and yard selling have been welcome experiences. Mutual bemoaning about mossy lawns, cicadas and English ivy has provided relief.

The candidate's three year association with the Architecture and Environment Committee has educated her about tensions in the GHI Community where individualistic ideals vie with the stated purposes of the Greenbelt pioneers. Members' understandable desires to fashion a dwelling and life style of their dreams can come in conflict with regulations promulgated on behalf of the GHI mission statement. Growing pains are a predictable component in the journey to secure the viability of this enduring inheritance.

The candidate is interested in supporting the Board of Directors in its efforts at preservation and enhancement of the green community at a time when models of modernization make it difficult to maintain loyalty to aging founding goals.

#### Chuck Hess

8-E Research Road

A member since 1983, Chuck Hess became active in the affairs of the cooperative in 1984. He has served on the following committees:

- Architecture and Environment
- Finance
- Ad Hoc Resales
- Investment
- Audit

Chuck is currently serving his 14th year as a member of the Board of Directors, six of those as Treasurer. He also serves as Chair of the Investment Committee.

Chuck Hess is a C.P.A. He earned his M.S. in taxation from American University, Washington, D.C.

#### Sheila Alpers

30-D Ridge Road

I have lived in GHI since 1987, first in a frame home and now in a masonry home. I was first attracted to "Old Greenbelt" by the mature trees, the pathway around Buddy Attick Park and the affordability of the homes. I liked the small-town feeling of Greenbelt and the fact that maintenance services were provided to coop units. I can honestly say there is no other place in the metro area I would rather live. If elected, I plan to continue to work towards improvement in GHI based on findings of the IT and Management Audits.

#### Sylvia Lewis

2-C Gardenway

I have been a GHI member since 1968, when I moved into the community with my husband, Robert, and our two young children. When I retired from my position as Executive Director of the Prince George's County Red Cross ten years ago, I became more involved in Greenbelt and our cooperative. Since then my GHI activities have included: Member and Community Relations Committee (1997-present); Audit Committee (1998-2000); Chair, Audit Committee (1999-2000); Investment Committee (2000-present); Board of Directors (2000-present); and Treasurer (2000-present).

I enjoy living in Greenbelt, especially in our cooperative community. I seek reelection to the Board so that I may continue to make constructive contributions to ensure that GHI continues to be fiscally responsible, responsive to member concerns, and a wonderful place to call home.

Born: London, England; Education: London School of Economics and Indiana University School of Social Work; US citizenship obtained in 1969.

#### Julia Eichhorst

3-P Research Road

Early in 1992, I moved to GHI. I was attracted to the small town atmosphere of the community and the amenities that Greenbelt offered.

I am completing my 4th term on the Board of Directors, am currently on the Marketing, Member and Community Relations, and Newsletter committees. I am a docent at the Greenbelt Museum.

I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC) and the Potomac Association of Housing Cooperatives (PAHC). I have also trained for the NAHC since 1999.

#### Joyce Abell

1-B Research Road

Joyce Abell has lived in GHI for 26 years. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes and the New Deal Café. Since the mid-eighties Joyce has served on the Member and Community Relations Committee, Marketing, Pet Sub-Committee and chaired both the Resale and Ad Hoc Committee for Deregulation of Electricity. She currently serves on the Finance Committee. Joyce was named Outstanding Committee Member 1999-2000.

As a member who spent four years on the GHI Board, eight years in Real Estate and many volunteer activities, she brings knowledge and skills that lend themselves to serving another term on the Board. As a Board member she continues to listen to the concerns of all members.

### Nominations & Elections Committee

(Vote for five)

#### Deborah Cooley

1-F Plateau Place

Have lived in GHI for 12 years. B.S. in Management from Wheeling Jesuit University. M.B.A. in Accounting, Southeastern University. Work as an Accountant for U.S. Senate Disbursing Office. 4 years experience on the Nominations and Elections Committee. Served 2 terms with the Audit Committee. Member of the Companion Animal Committee.

#### Andy Carruthers

2-M Gardenway

If elected, I will serve.

#### Alan Turnbull

45-H Ridge Road

(No bio submitted.)

#### Roger Brown

9-B Research Road

Roger Brown is married and has lived in Greenbelt for many years. He is retired from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. Brown would like to get involved with GHI decision making and enjoys living here.

### Audit Committee

(Vote for three)

No candidates for the Audit Committee had submitted their consent-to-run forms by the May 6 deadline.

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## GHI Holds Annual Meeting

by Mary Moien

All five incumbents whose terms are expiring this month will be running for re-election to the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors. As of press time, one additional member is also running for a spot on the board. GHI's annual meeting will be held on Thursday May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center with shortened voting hours on Friday. A candidates' forum will be held on Tuesday May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers of the Municipal Building. Cable Channel 71 will rebroadcast the forum on Wednesday May 18 at 5 p.m. and on Thursday, May 19 at 9a.m., 11a.m. and 1p.m.

### Candidates

GHI board of director incumbents running for re-election include Joyce Abel, Sheila Alpers, Chuck Hess, Julia Eichhorst, and Sylvia Lewis. Patricia Novinski, a member of the A&E Committee, is also in the race. The three members of the Audit Committee are elected each year. As of press time, only one incumbent had filed to run – Diane Wilkerson. Audit committee nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting, so if there are not at least three candidates, the new board may have to seek additional persons at a later date interested in serving on the Audit Committee.

Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are also elected at the annual meeting. Nominations are allowed from the floor for these positions.

Biographies of the candidates are found on this page.

### Agenda

Topics to be discussed at the annual meeting include a report

by the ad hoc Yard Line Committee. The Companion Animal Committee will review their newly-approved stringent regulation modifications on the care of pets. Pets cannot be chained or tethered in the yard and animals cannot be left in the yard while members are absent from the house. The A & E committee will report on a member opinion survey that was undertaken since the last annual meeting.

The Woodlands Committee will again be providing a plant giveaway. It was very popular last year. Door prizes will be given away. This year, to encourage people to be ready to begin the meeting right at 7:30, there will be a special door prize given to one of the members who is registered and seated by 7:30.

### Voting

Voting for the board of directors and the audit committee will take place after the meeting on Thursday night. Members can also vote on Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. at GHI offices. Note that the polls will only be open during two periods on Friday, and the location is GHI offices, not the Community Center.

### Absentee ballots

If unable to attend the annual meeting, a member may apply for a proxy to give to another member to vote for them on issues that require voting during the meeting. Contact GHI offices by May 13.

To cast an absentee vote for the board of directors, members may obtain a ballot from GHI from late Monday, May 16 through noon on Wednesday, May 18.



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won't agree to it. But that's not the fault of the developer. I think we have gotten the best agreement we can get under the circumstances, particularly the key provisions that gives the city approval authority over site plans.

"These are very large pieces of property in a unique area that includes land owned by the state and by WMATA. There are a lot of interests involved in this property," he said. "This agreement gives us a lot more leverage in the process and more partnership with the developer than we would have under current law."

### Support

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed support for the reduced density, expanded parkland, the stream/valley park and support for city services and asked if the covenants would be held in escrow as discussed previously. Manzi replied that covenants for the South Core could be completed soon but that an escrow agreement would be drawn up for the North Core section owned by WMATA.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said, "Everybody's right about one thing – this whole development agreement has been one long drawn-out process." Saying he was "not quite ready" to vote in support, he asked about the number of ballfields that could be placed in the open space of the site.

Craze responded that no appropriate site currently existed for a ballfield and that discussions were underway with Springhill Lake about potential ballfield development. But, she added, "If there are opportunities for additional parkland, we will pursue them."

### Not Happy

Roberts pressed on. "I'm not happy with the way this whole thing is going," he said. "It's not compatible with what Greenbelt's about. The only reason we can't get [a ballfield] is because it's a money development."

Mark "Kap" Kapastin, representing GB Mall Limited Partnership which owns Beltway Plaza,

told councilmembers that his company has not reached resolution on any issue with MD/GM and stated that he felt the city has ignored the interests of Beltway Plaza.

Mayor Judith Davis acknowledged his sentiment and added, "There is a limit as to what the city can do in relation to business development."

### Collaboration

Daniel Colton of MD/GM also appeared before the council and said that they needed Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza to join in the collaboration. He added that he has asked the developers active in the South Core to move forward on annexation.

Davis reserved her comments for the end. "My burning interest was the environment," she said. "We knew that Greenbelt Station was going to be developed. Citizens came forward to talk about this valuable piece of land that needed to be saved. We also wanted to make sure that whatever was developed was under our control and that the development wouldn't be detrimental."

### Far Better

"This agreement is far better than what we almost signed a year ago. The language is more specific. It's a good compromise. It's a no-brainer for me. I'm ready for a motion."

Councilmember Edward Putens made the motion to approve, which Mach seconded. All except Roberts voted for the motion. The approval is contingent upon covenants to be prepared reflecting the provisions of the agreement, which must be filed within 60 days and upon the signatures of all parties.

## Beltsville Club's Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold its plant sale on Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. until noon at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. For information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539.

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Another negative feature in the new budget proposal, Rich noted, would reduce from 85 percent to 80 percent the amount the city would pay into medical insurance coverage for city employees.

### Less Competitive

In a labor market where the number of applicants had been sharply reduced (the most recent pool being 12 Greenbelt applicants versus a typical 100 or so a few years ago), Rich believed that Greenbelt was becoming less competitive. Of nearby jurisdictions, starting salaries for Greenbelt and Hyattsville police officers were lowest, those for Laurel and Takoma Park somewhat higher and those for Gaithersburg and Rockville highest, he said.

The city's officer corps is also aging, Rich pointed out. Some 60 percent are already halfway to their 25-year retirements and something like a 50 percent turnover is expected within the next 10 years, he predicted. He noted that the city's competitive position was also affected by plans of Prince George's County to hire new officers.

Mayor Judith Davis queried Rich on whether he had retention figures from these jurisdictions but he was not able to provide that information.

### Collective Bargaining

According to Rogers, who is first vice president of the Maryland State Lodge of the FOP, several Maryland jurisdictions now provide for a system of binding arbitration in work issues and remuneration. He looks on this system as "a very positive thing." Rogers indicated that a bargaining unit would consist only of officers of sergeant rank and below.

He cited various jurisdictions now using this system: Ocean City, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, the Maryland Park Police, Takoma Park and Easton.

The city of Hyattsville is now in the process of considering collective bargaining, Rogers said. In this system contract arrangements could be set for three years at a time.

"Every issue would be up for discussion," Davis pointed out, "many non-monetary, such as

working conditions and the negotiating process itself."

Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens said that establishing collective bargaining in Greenbelt would be "a historical step – a big step." He felt that the citizens should be called on to decide such a change, perhaps to be put on the ballot in the November election. In the meantime the FOP could conduct an education campaign, he noted.

Councilmember Leta Mach noted that the city must be consistent in its policies toward all employees. Councilmember Konrad Herling agreed. Collective bargaining should be explored for all departments, he said. He asked specifically how the arbitrator, the third-party tie-breaker in an unresolved disagreement, would be determined.

"We need to be educated" on this process, Davis said. "We represent a lot of people; you represent a very defined group."

All agreed that a further worksession would be in order once this year's budget hearings have concluded.



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Arson**  
May 1, 7:48 p.m., Greenbelt Community Center, three fires were set at the center, two in bathrooms and a third in front of the building. Three youths were seen running from the scene, one boy, 7 to 9 years of age, 4'8", 100 pounds with brown eyes wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark blue or black jeans. The other two were described as males, one 12 to 14 years of age, 5'7", 170 pounds with long black hair wearing a black T-shirt with a picture of a wolf on it and dark blue or black jeans and the other with black hair wearing a black T-shirt, gray shorts and gray shoes. County fire investigators responded and are also investigating the incidents.

**Robbery**  
May 5, 1:42 a.m., 5910 Greenbelt Road, the victim reported that three men entered the CVS Pharmacy wearing face masks. Two of them displayed handguns and demanded money. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash they fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 20 years of age, 5'11" to 6', 155 to 175 pounds. One was wearing a black North Face jacket and a black mask; the other was wearing a black jacket and a black mask. The third suspect was a black male, 15 to 18 years of age with a slender build, a dark complexion and wearing a white mask.

**Weapon**  
April 28, 10:11 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon after he was stopped by a school administrator and brought to the security office for being late to class and acting in a suspicious manner. He was found to be in possession of a knife and was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

**Assault**  
May 3, 7:02 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a resident youth was arrested for assault after she allegedly threw a chair at her mother. The mother was not injured. The girl was transported to Boy's Village in Cheltenham pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Disorderly Conduct**  
May 5, 4:55 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct after he was observed shouting profanities and refused to cease his actions. He was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Drugs**  
April 29, 12:50 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and theft after he was stopped for shoplifting at the Safeway Store. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

April 29, 11:03 p.m., 1 court Laurel Hill, a resident man was arrested for possession of paraphernalia and a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle in a parking lot. Upon approaching the vehicle, police observed the two occupants passing a suspected marijuana cigarette between them and detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The man was released on citation pending trial and the youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

May 2, 8:30 p.m., 5800 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. A computer check revealed that the driver had an open warrant with the Charles County Sheriff's Department. The man was released on citation to the department of corrections for service of the warrant.

May 6, 12:18 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. As the officer approached the vehicle, he observed what he believed to be flakes of marijuana on the man's sweater. Located on the floorboard near the feet of the man was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The suspect was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Theft**  
April 27, unit block of Parkway, a man reported that he invited two persons into his residence, where they took his car keys and stole his vehicle, a silver BMW 323 4-door, Maryland tags MZT897. The suspects are described as two black females, both 5'5" with black hair and brown eyes, wearing blue jeans and blue tops. One was approximately 24 years of age with a heavy build; the other had a thin build.

May 3, in reference to an auto theft reported April 4 in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, a warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with vehicle theft, theft over \$500, theft under \$100 and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

May 4, 9:22 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with theft by scheme, theft over \$500 and theft under \$500 after she allegedly made fraudulent refunds and took money while employed at Value City. She was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 5, Greenway Center, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with auto theft, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and traffic charges. A nonresident youth was arrested for auto theft, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of mace by a juvenile and possession of motor vehicle burglary tools. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and a computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1996 Dodge Neon 4-door, had been reported stolen. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. A computer check revealed that the youth was a missing person and was released to his father pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Vandalism**  
May 4, 9100 block Edmonston Court, five resident youths were observed fighting in a parking lot. They were wrestling and running into parked vehicles during the altercation, damaging one of the vehicles in the process. They were released and the parents were notified pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Fictitious ID**  
May 3, 3:42 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident woman was arrested and charged with four counts of possession of a fictitious government ID card. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that the tags were suspended. The driver was found to be in possession of two fake resident alien cards and two fake social security cards. She was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Unattended Child**  
April 30, in reference to an unattended child reported December 22 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, a criminal summons has been obtained charging a nonresident man with leaving a child unattended.


**Trespass**  
May 2, 3:54 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, three resident men and a nonresident man were arrested and charged with trespass after police responded to a report of persons entering a vacant apartment without permission. Two men were located in the apartment and two were observed leaving the building. All four men were released on citation pending trial.

**Burglaries**  
May 1, 9:55 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that an unknown person(s) entered the residence by way of an unlocked bedroom window. Shoes and clothing were taken.

May 2, 9:41 a.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
The following vehicles were stolen: a 1995 Honda Accord 4-door from the 9200 block Springhill Lane; a 1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue 4-door from Beltway Plaza Mall; a white

**WANTED –**  
**Arthur Purcell Yant, Jr.**  
The Prince George's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating First Degree Murder suspect Arthur Yant. In May 2004, Yant participated in an early morning homicide of a man in Capitol Heights. Yant is a black male with brown eyes, black hair, 5'7", 140 lbs, 21 years old, walks with a limp. His last known address is the 8600 block of Greenbelt Road in Greenbelt but he is known to frequent the Clinton area.  
Yant is considered dangerous and should not be approached. Anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts is asked to call the Sheriff's Office 24 hours a day at 301-883-6987.



1996 Chevrolet truck, Maryland tags 1BG367 from the 7200 block Greenway Center Drive; a silver 2003 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags MKT450 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a 1994 Honda Accord 4-door from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; and a 1997 Honda Accord 4-door from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by outside police departments with no arrests made in any of the recoveries. One vehicle was returned to the area it was stolen from by an unknown person(s).  
Thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7600 block Mandan Road, 6400 block Capitol Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Drive and Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents).

**Body of Missing Student Found**  
The body of Greenbelter Arvin Sharma was recovered from the Anacostia River on April 25 after he had been missing for a week. Sharma vanished on April 16 after a night out with friends in Southwest Washington, according to The Washington Post.  
A University of Maryland student, the 22-year-old lived with his brother and was scheduled to graduate next month.

There were no obvious signs of foul play but police were awaiting results from an autopsy. The family said they suspected foul play because it was unlike him to simply disappear. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the police at 202-727-9099.

**A Happy Ending**  
The Greenbelt Police Department was able to locate and return a nine-year-old autistic boy who got lost in Schrom Hills Park on April 18.  
Jeffrey Cousins of Washington, D.C., was visiting Schrom Hills Park with his father, also named Jeffrey, when he got lost on the bike trail.

A friend of the family called the Greenbelt Police Department and they arrived within five minutes. "It truly takes the combined effort of many officers using every means possible to cordon off an area to conduct a search of this nature," said Chief James Craze. "But it is something officers do with greater zeal than any other assignment," he added.  
Cousins wrote a letter to Craze stating that "... their professionalism and efficiency ... left me with a very high view and impression of the Greenbelt Police Department."  
Cousins added, "I want to specifically thank and commend Captain Kemp, Captain Craddock, Corporal Musterman, Officer Washington, Officer Dewey, Officer Bladzinski, Officer Lawson, Officer Laver, Corporal Donovan, Rose Caless, Officer Walter and of course Officer Gulledge for specifically finding Jeff."

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# Yard and Office Work Volunteers Needed by GIVES

by Virginia Beauchamp

As spring advances, some members of GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, may be looking for help with garden clean-up and other outside yard work. They won't have to look far, since some dozen members among their colleagues are already listed in the group's directory as providing just this kind of service.

Nor will any money change hands, for GIVES members pay through offering some other kind of service – let's say pet sitting or transportation – that may in fact be rendered to another member. It's all handled through a central bookkeeper who keeps track of each member's debits and credits. And of course that bookkeeper also earns credit hours that can then be exchanged for another kind of service that he or she may be seeking. It is called a "care credit" bank.

**Volunteers Needed**

The organization currently needs volunteers to answer the phone during the 10 a.m. to noon office hours on weekdays in the Community Center. GIVES occupies a corner in the pleasant Senior Lounge, where records are kept and request phone calls received and call-outs made. Volunteers may choose to commit two hours on a particular day each week or merely to act as backup for an occasional unscheduled period.

The largest category of service – especially important for shut-ins in Greenbelt – is a group of

47 volunteers who will carry out shopping errands. Another large group is listed as willing to drive another member on necessary trips as, for example, to medical appointments or to provide meal deliveries.

Tutoring, telephone reassurance calls, mending, letter writing, minor home repairs (like replacing light bulbs in ceiling fixtures) and just visiting are also possible exchange services.

GIVES was founded in 1993 by a community-wide coalition brought together by Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. It is supported by donations, in-kind contributions, grant money and fund-raising activities.

This year at the annual meeting on June 14 a special ceremony will honor two outstanding GIVES volunteers whose dedication marked some of the early years after the organization


first began. A plaque in their honor will hang on the wall in the Senior Lounge.

GIVES, whose motto is Neighbors Helping Neighbors, is always open to new members. There is no fee or charge for participation. For more information call 301-507-6580.

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## EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM!

### Attention GHI Members

Your cooperative's annual meeting will take place next Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Community Center. After the business of the meeting is concluded, voting for directors and audit committee members will take place. Voting will continue on Friday, May 20th in the Board Room of the GHI Administration Building between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

BE AN EARLY BIRD and qualify for a special door prize. This special offering is for members registered and seated by 7:30 p.m. Registration tables open at 7 p.m. on May 19th. Have heart – if you don't win the wonderful special, more prizes will be offered later in the evening. See you at the meeting on May 20th and GOOD LUCK!

P.S. – Be sure to read the "I Want You" advertisement elsewhere in this issue and watch your future leaders in action on Channel 71.



## The West Virginians Are Coming!

Come and join us for an evening of music performed by the "Official Ambassadors of the State of West Virginia," a nationally recognized choral ensemble from Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia which performs a wide variety of music.

This FREE concert is happening on Tuesday evening, May 17, 2005, at 7:00 pm at Greenbelt Baptist Church, which is located at the corner of Green Hill and Crescent Roads.

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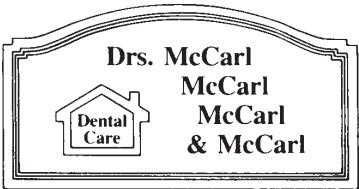


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members asked questions about numerous programs and activities but on the whole seemed satisfied with the kind and quality of programs offered by the department. One major item added to council's list of items to be considered for possible cost savings was not hiring someone to fill a recreation coordinator position authorized in the current budget but never filled. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that while there would be cost savings, it would be necessary to increase the number of hours worked by part time employees at the recreation centers.

A Recreation Supervisor position is also vacant following the recent resignation of Nancy Wilmot to spend more time with her family. She had been involved with the various kids' programs and camps.

### Review Comments

Mayor Judith Davis noted that the department employed 60 teenagers. Irving responded that they were used mostly at the pool and summer camps.

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed concern about damage to the gym floor at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center caused by its use for the Cinco de Mayo celebration held on a rainy day. Assistant Director for Facilities Joe McNeal noted that the floors are annually refinished in September or October before the basketball season begins.

Mach asked staff how it got its ideas for new programs. Assistant Director for Programs Julie McHale responded that some were ideas obtained by attending conferences and by reading material from recreation and parks associations. Irving said that many ideas came from Greenbelt citizens. Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, said that she utilized suggestion forms.

Davis asked if they received ideas from kids or the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The response was generally negative. Recreation Coordinator Greg Varda said that the youth were not involved in programming either after-school activities or sports. McNeal noted that the members of the YAC served for only three years, whereas many Park and Recreation Advisory Board members served for many years. Varda added that the YAC members faded out in their senior year. Teen forums also have not gotten good attendance and Varda is thinking of doing something on cable to encourage participation.

Davis noted that program revenues were not growing. She advocated that council hold a worksession at a later date to evaluate recreational programming and the reasons for lack of revenue growth.

Instituting new technology is also a challenge. The department could use more technology resources. Currently staff members are working with the city's IT staff on installing a program to enable people to register for classes on-line.

The department utilizes 300 non-classified, part-time employees. Maintaining proper pay levels for these essential workers and providing needed training are continuing challenges

### Aquatics

Davis noted that the Aquatics and Fitness Center had instituted use of a time clock for employees and a pass card reader for

patrons. She was happy to see the center was now using a sign-in sheet. Aquatics Center Supervisor George Rogala said the sheet had not yet been utilized but was available in case of an emergency or for reference if an incident took place at the pool. He also reported that a program to pay summer lifeguards at the end of the season an extra 50 cents an hour for their time if they worked the full summer season had helped insure that there would be guards still working at the pool at season's end. However, there was still a problem in finding guards to work at six in the morning and on Saturday night.

How was the new "surf and turf" program going, Davis asked. This is a program offering seniors who attend the city's Food and Friendship Program a .50-cent admission pass to the swimming pool. Rogala noted that the program has only been going for three weeks. So far only eight passes have been turned in, four of those by the same person.

Rogala also reported that a survey of customers last fall gave the pool high evaluations. He noted that the pool was acquiring an automated pool cleaner device that could be placed in the water to work all night on cleaning the facility.

Staff is now keeping the pool temperature at about 83.9 degrees, a little higher than the recommended 83 maximum. So far, the higher temperature has not caused complaints from lap swimmers while reducing complaints about the water being too cold.

The swimming pool will probably need to be closed in the fall to make necessary repairs at a cost of \$31,000. The Aquatic and Fitness Center was closed briefly in order to install new carpeting in the hallway and replace women's lockers.

### Leisure and Fitness

Basketball appeared to be the most popular sport, Davis noted. Its number of participants is growing. Participation in soccer and softball are down. City Treasurer Jeff Williams, a soccer enthusiast, told council that the leagues in Montgomery and Howard Counties offered more attractive opportunities to adult players. Varda noted that Boys and Girls Club soccer was second to basketball in popularity.

### Community Center

Planned for October 2 is a tenth anniversary celebration of the opening of the Community Center. It will be tied in with an Artful Afternoon. McNeal said that a chatauqua was planned as well as demonstrations and open houses by the tenants. Community Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno noted that the budget contemplates closing the center at 7 on Sundays for a cost savings of \$2,000. Both a basketball group and an organization that have been meeting there agreed to change their schedules to accommodate the closing.

Staff reported on a recent incident in which a baby shower group had violated regulations by bringing in beer and creating loud noise. Staff is going to take extra measures to assure that there is not a repeat of this kind of incident and may inspect incoming coolers, if necessary.

Vandalism in the art gallery was also noted. A security camera has now been installed. Irving

said this type of incident is very rare.

The Community Center is also to get stage lighting in the new budget. There is concern as to how the control panel might be secured. Davis asked if the new lighting would satisfy the needs of the Greenbelt Band. It was noted that this would be stage lighting and not just overhead lights.

Center receipts are now being emailed to program participants in order to save time and money.

Councilmembers noted that the knit and crochet group organized this winter is making items to donate to charities. The yarn they are using is donated by various individuals. Participants of all skill levels have taken part.

### Arts

DeWald told Davis that there have been over 700 participants in the first year in arts field trips. This is a program where elementary school classes come to the Community Center to participate in hands-on arts activities. The kids have a great time, DeWald said. She is grateful to teachers for their cooperation. She noted that the program is linked to the curriculum of the schools relating to arts.

Art a la Carte is another new program offering. These are fee-based workshops available to Scout Groups and other youth groups. DeWald pointed out that the kids choose what they want to do. Scout groups have used it as a way to achieve merit badges. Davis suggested that it could be used for birthday celebrations. DeWald said the program was just getting underway.

She also told council that the Aquatic and Fitness Center was now being used to display art.

### Recreation Facilities

Irving noted some of the problems at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. It is difficult to get volunteers there because of the transient nature of apartment residents, many of whom are working mothers. Security is still a problem – at all centers but more so at Springhill Lake. Use of alcohol and marijuana by some who attend or hang around the centers continues. The recreation staff works closely with the police department, Irving noted.

Rogala said that the police presence at Roosevelt Center has eliminated the rougher element that gathered there. Bike patrols at Braden Field also help, he said. Irving noted, however, that police presence in one place pushes the problem somewhere else. Also some of the troublemakers are not youths, but rather young adults. "We have the same challenges as the schools do," he said.

Staff talked about an incident where an 8, a 12 and a 13 year-old started a series of fires in dumpsters and in a trash can in a restroom at the Community Center. The miscreants were filmed on surveillance cameras. Fortunately none of the fires were serious, the one at the center being put out almost immediately by an alert staffer.

Irving took note that recreation facilities were aging. This results in higher maintenance costs, he said. Overuse and misuse of ballfields is a particular challenge. Floating athletic groups come in at times and use a field without permit and with little concern for taking care of the facility.

It is also hard to keep athletic teams off the field in the early spring when they are still not in useable condition. The anti-

quoted, 30-year-old lighting at the Braden Field tennis courts also needs to be replaced.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if there might be budget implications as a result of building the skateboard park this year next to the Youth Center. McNeal responded that it was not planned to charge a fee for using the facility, nor was it planned to staff it. If there should be high use at the start, stickers might be issued for placement on helmets to limit use to Greenbelt residents, and the facility might need to be staffed for a while.

Insurance costs are expected to be nominal, perhaps \$1,500. Williams said that the insurance cost would not appear on the city's bill until next fiscal year.


### Special Events


Irving commended the Public Works Department for always being on top of things at the city-sponsored special events such as the Independence Day fireworks and Labor Day Festival.

Included in the budget is a list of over 400 activities offered by the department. With nearly a half-million facility patrons and program participants, the department staff believes it is meeting its goal of providing high quality leisure services and facilities that offer something for everyone.

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# City's First Animal Shelter Is Nearing Completion

by Matt Johnson

Greenbelt's first animal shelter, assembled behind the police station, is expected to be operational by late May. The shelter will provide an adoption service to the community as well as a place for Animal Control to house stray and wild animals.

"We're trying to provide for as many opportunities to use these facilities as we can," said Celia Craze, AICP director of Planning and Development.

The building's 24-by-36-foot prefabricated structure was completed a year ago, but the permit to move the structure to the small area behind the police station was obtained just two months ago.

"[The shelter] came delivered to us as a turn-key operation," said Craze. She remarked that aside from the permitting, the shelter has been an easy project.

The next step is to bring in a plumber and an electrician. The outlets and light switches are already in the walls and the pipes are waiting to be connected.

Once the shelter is operational it



**Animal Control Officer Susie Hall (left) poses with Jim Sterling in front of one of the shelter modules that will compose the city's new animal shelter. Completion is expected in June.**

will hold dogs, cats and exotics. Exotics include any of the myriad wild animals found roaming the streets and parkways.

"This is the wildlife season," said Susie Hall, Greenbelt's animal control officer.

Guinea pigs, ducks and turtles have crossed the paths of motorists in the past few years – sometimes with frightening results. The shelter will provide a temporary place for these animals to stay. "Sani-kennels" and a grooming room will keep the animals clean and healthy. A private interaction area will give visitors a chance to get up-close and personal with the animals by appointment.

Outside a free-range area is in the works. Hall is to be the primary staff member of this project but she hopes to bring in volunteers to assist once the operation takes off.

A ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the shelter's completion is planned for June.

## Migratory Bird Day Is Saturday, May 14

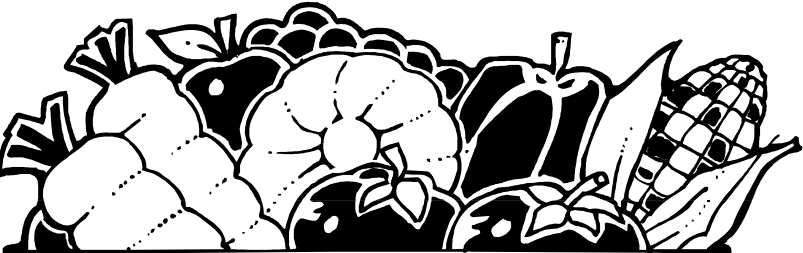
Patuxent Research Refuge will celebrate the 13th annual International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. Activities will include live birds, naturalist-led hikes, refuge tram tours, craft activities, puppet shows and more. Winning artwork from the Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp competition will also be on display.

International Migratory Bird Day is an annual event that focuses attention on the return of migratory birds from their Southern wintering grounds and seeks to gain support for migratory bird conservation. This year's theme, "Collisions: Clear the way for Birds!" emphasizes the dangers migratory birds may encounter during an annual migration due to human related hazards. Ways

humans can help ease the stress and dangers encountered during migrations are also emphasized during this year's celebration of migratory birds.

Activities will occur rain or shine; admission is free. The Na-

tional Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road, between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 197, just south of Laurel. For information, visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5763.



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# Greenbelt's Business



## Two Alternate Therapies Offered at Pleasant Touch

by Pat Davis

Pleasant Touch on Centerway in Greenbelt is offering two new therapies, Acu-Light and Acu-Stim. Both combine the principles of traditional oriental medicine with modern physics. Both therapies have been successfully used to relieve or eliminate pain. They are similar to acupuncture but require no needles.

Susan Stern, a licensed acupuncturist and esthetician, offers both services at Pleasant Touch. Stern, first licensed in massage in 1993, continued her studies in shiatsu (massage using pressure points) and acupuncture at the Southeast Institute of Oriental Medicine in Miami, Fla. In 1997, she received her Diplomate for Acupuncture. Stern is now licensed to practice in Maryland and also has national certification for performing massage.

In 2005, Stern became licensed in esthetics after apprenticing with Gwen Vaccaro, the owner of Pleasant Touch. Stern has also volunteered with the Tai Sophia School of Chinese Medicine to help substance abusers.

When Stern left Miami she had planned to go to Japan. In the meantime she took a temporary job in Baltimore at Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins, a medical publisher, and ended up staying seven years. During this time she moved to Greenbelt and then started working at Pleasant Touch when an opening occurred. She continues to take courses and seminars to sharpen and update her skills and stay on top of the latest techniques.

### Chinese Medicine

To understand the new therapies that Pleasant Touch is offering, it is necessary to understand some of the theory behind Chinese medicine. Traditional Chinese medicine teaches that there are pathways through and pressure points within the body that control the flow of vital energy or chi. According to this theory, pain and disease are caused by a blockage or stagnation of the chi; if the chi flows smoothly, one feels well.

### Acu-Light

Acu-Light therapy, which is non-invasive, uses colored light on acupuncture points to influence the flow of chi. The light is generated by a xenon gas bulb and moves along the pathways in the body. Xenon is a noble gas, producing a full-spectrum light that is close to sunlight. In fact, Seasonal Affective Disorder can be effectively treated by blue light.

Stern says that, "Recent research shows that healing happens on a cellular level and that cells communicate by light. The light is converted into electro-mechanical impulses [as it travels through the body's pathways]." "Light Years Ahead: The Illustrative Guide to Full Spectrum and Colored Light in Mindbody Heal-



PHOTO BY PAT DAVIS

**Acupuncturist Susan Stern uses new therapies that are based in traditional Chinese medicine.**

ing" states that, "Light as an environmental stimulant is second only to food in its impact in controlling bodily functions."

Colors have different frequencies as do the minerals in the human body. Colors will react differently on the body depending on what area is being treated or what effect is desired. Stern generally starts a session by using green light at two points in both ears for relaxing the body and balancing the system. She uses blue light on pressure points to relieve pain.

Acu-Light is effective in relieving the pain associated with arthritis, sports injuries and neural and circulatory disorders. The treatment is quicker than acupuncture. Light is put on the pressure points for less than a minute, as compared to acupuncture needles that remain in place for 10 to 20 minutes.

One client of Stern's says that she noticed improvement in her very arthritic hands after one treatment. After four treatments pain was gone and flexibility had returned. She has not had to go back for additional treatments – and that was several months ago. This author has noticed a marked relief from chronic back pain and sciatica and has experienced improved sleep after Acu-Light treatments.

### Acu-Stim

Acu-Stim uses a mild electrical direct current to stimulate the same pressure points as acupuncture and Acu-Light, as well as trigger points and muscle bands. Electrical stimulation is the most effective form of stimulation because it releases endorphins. It feels like a warm pin touching the skin. On healthy tissue the response is slight but if the tissue is diseased or injured, the response is stronger. Stern, who has just recently started using this technique, has been pleased with her results.

About these therapies, Stern says she "is so excited coming to the power of the cross between eastern and western medicines. It's amazing [how] the new technologies and [the] effectiveness that result from western research and technology are applied to ancient eastern knowledge. We are getting results easily, efficiently and effectively from Acu-Light and Acu-Stim." Her goal is to provide health and happiness to her clients through this "Medicine of the Future."

## Greenbelt Dietitian Joins Study Effort

Rebecca Bitzer, MS, RD, LD, was among 32 registered dietitians from all parts of the country who participated in a training workshop in Chicago April 8 to 10 as part of an initiative by the American Dietetic Association to improve dietetics practice and food and nutrition services through scientific research in practice-based settings.

Bitzer is participating in ADA's Critical Thinking in Measuring Energy Expenditure study, which is looking into the critical thinking criteria used by registered dietitians (RDs) in practice when they evaluate patients and clients. The study will provide RDs with access to the newest technology to measure resting energy expenditure, which is important in calculating a person's energy requirements and treating weight-related problems.

Bitzer is the owner of Changing Weighs Nutrition Services, a nutrition counseling practice with an office in Greenbelt East. For information contact Bitzer at changingweighs@aol.com or by phone at 301-474-2499.

## Giant Food Plans Several Changes

Giant Food announced May 3 that it plans to make several changes to existing stores to improve store operations and benefit customers. Over the next two years, Giant plans to build at least 12 new and replacement stores and remodel at least 25 existing stores in each of its Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Delaware regions.

Giant also announced that it will close several plants including the company's frozen food distribution center in Jessup, the health and beauty care distribution center in Landover and a non-food products distribution center also in Landover. Its Landover operations centers will be transferred to Buffalo, N.Y.

In addition, the company plans to sell the Giant dairy manufacturing plant in Landover and expects the new owner-operator to keep current employees. Its ice cube manufacturing plant in Landover and ice cream manufacturing facility in Jessup will either be sold or closed as Giant seeks alternative suppliers for those commodities.

Giant hopes to relocate its headquarters on Sheriff Road, Landover to an undecided location in the region.

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## Champissage Offers Means For Looking, Feeling Better

by Sue Krofchik

When things seem to rub you the wrong way and stress builds up or if you simply would like to feel better using a natural, non-invasive modality, the centuries old East Indian art of champissage might be the answer for you. You do not have to travel to India to experience it. Or get undressed. All it takes is a 30 minute appointment with Donna Price at her Roosevelt Center studio. She also offers the Indian art of "eyebrow threading," a natural way to shape eyebrows.

Price, owner of Angelic Beauty & Therapeutic Alternatives at Roosevelt Center, has been a hairdresser for 20 years. "I've found that when people are stressed, they carry it on their faces and tension builds up and is stored in their shoulders, neck and head." Her search for natural, non-invasive methods to help clients relieve stress led her to the London Centre of Indian Champissage in Ontario, Canada.

### Champissage

The literal translation of Champissage is head massage. The person receiving champissage sits in a chair. No clothes are removed, although one might be more comfortable wearing or changing into a T-shirt. Price uses various strokes and pressures to work on and release blockages and relieve tension and pain in the upper back, shoulders, upper arms, neck, head and face.

Champissage works on physical, mental and subtle levels. It combines physical massage with a subtle form of Chakra energy balancing. This leads to a more powerful effect that can bring the energy of the whole body back into balance, creating a deep sense of peace, calm and well being.

Champissage was first performed over 1,000 years ago by Indian women to treat headaches, eyestrain and stress in family members, including children. It was also thought to stimulate hair follicles by increasing circulation so barbers became skilled in its application. Today in India they can be seen performing champissage on beaches and streets and in homes – almost



PHOTO BY SUE KROFCHIK

**Donna Price sits in the relaxing atmosphere of Angelic Beauty & Therapeutic Alternatives where she performs champissage.**

anywhere.

### Personal Experience

Price has found that children also benefit from champissage. One of her nephews is a high functioning autistic 13 year old. "Thomas thinks clearer, finds it easier to focus on tasks and sleeps better after a treatment." She was surprised that he and Desmond, her 8 year old nephew with ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), were both able to sit still for 30 minutes and actually relax. "Children experience stress too" she said, "and this is a natural way that seems to help. Whenever they see me, they ask for champissage."

### Eyebrow Threading

Threading is the Indian alternative to eyebrow waxing. It is a natural way to remove excess hairs and shape the eyebrows of men or women. It also can be used on other facial hairs. A thread is wrapped around the hair which is then removed using light quick strokes. This is reported to be the least painful of natural hair removal methods.

### Other Services

Price plans to offer facial rejuvenation massage and aromatherapy in the near future. Her studio is located at 111 Centerway, accessed by using the door next to the Greenbelt Credit Union. For more information call Donna at 240-398-9019. You may also visit her exhibit at the Green Man Festival May 14 and 15 at Roosevelt Center.

## Atlanta Bread Café Celebrates Two Years

Arnold Belasco's Atlanta Bread Bakery and Café is celebrating its second anniversary of the May 17, 2003, opening in Beltway Plaza.

While the food is prepared quickly at the café, a casual environment featuring classical music, seating in conversation clusters, hardwood floors and a brick fireplace accentuate the dining experience. The menu offers fresh made-to-order sandwiches, hot soups, tossed-to-order salads, gourmet coffees and bakery sweets served during breakfast,

lunch and dinner. Atlanta Bread has currently more than 165 locations spanning 25 states.

Picking up on the current interest in Asian food, new menu items feature the use of interesting flavors and fruits: Asian chicken salad sandwich with a spicy peanut sauce; chopstix chicken salad with mandarin oranges and crunchy chow mein noodles; Shanghai vegetable soup in a coconut milk and curry broth; pineapple coconut cheesecake; and frozen green tea latte.

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